

Wednesday, November 19, 1997

Library Dedication This Weekend

After 10 years of planning and hard work by a dedicated group of Duxbury citizens and the Trustees of the Duxbury Free Library, the new library will open this weekend with great fanfare.

The festivities will begin on Sunday at 1 pm under a tent at the campus side of the library. The brief ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature the Duxbury High School Band, and brief speeches by state and local dignitaries. Following the ceremony, there will be an open house of the new building until 4 pm.

Highlights of the new building's 3 levels include a children's area, which is 4 times the size of the old Children's Room, which includes 2 rooms of collections and a room for story hour and other group activities; some 32 computers for public use and wiring to accept patron's personal computers at carrels and in study rooms; the Cutler Reading Room with com-

fortable chairs and couches for newspaper and periodical reading, as well as several small seating areas on each floor; the David Kispert homework center for high school students with several small study rooms for group study or research; spacious meeting rooms with kitchen facilities, stage, and a separate entrance for lectures and civic meetings; a cafe, to be run by French Memories Bakery, which will open after Jan. 1; an enlarged Helen Bumpus Gallery, which will continue the tradition of providing installations of contemporary art work; comfortable waiting area with a telephone to call Duxbury numbers for patrons waiting transportation; the Duxbury Room for the study and preservation of local history; accessibility to all facilities and services on 3 floors; more parking and safer access with an elevator from the parking lot entrance to the 2 upper floors; expanded fiction and non-fiction sections on separate levels, with adjacent study areas.

The library will reopen for service on Monday, Nov. 24, at 10 am.